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--Background of the Invention--

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--Brief Description of Drawings

Fig. 1 is a schematic of a plant arrangement including a cutaway view of a furnace and charging tube arrangement, in accordance with the invention;

Fig. 2, is a schematic of a frontal view of the plant arrangement shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a sectional top schematic view of the plant arrangement in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a schematic sectional view of the physical state of melt material in a charging tube in accordance with the invention.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments--

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